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SUB: IRANIAN REPLY ON DISCRIMINATION AND HUMAN RIGHTS PROVISIONS
OF NEW SECURITY ASSISTANCE REGISTRATION

REF: (A) STATE 231122, (B) STATE 231123, (C) TEHRAN 9682

1. IT WILL BE RECALLED THAT EMBASSY INFORMED FOREIGN MINISTRY
BY NOTE OF THE NEW PROVISIONS OF SECURITY ASSISTANCE LEGISLATION
DEALING WITH DISCRIMINATION AGAINST AMERICAN CITIZENS AND HUMAN
RIGHTS WHICH WERE SIGNED INTO U.S. LAW JUNE 30, 1976. EMBASSY
REPORTED (REF C) WITHIN REQUIRED REPORTING DATE OF SEPTEMBER 30
THAT IRANIAN LAW AND PRACTICE DO NOT DISCRIMINATE AGAINST AMERICAN
CITIZENS.

2. BY NOTE DATED OCTOBER 19, WHICH HAS BEEN TRANSLATED INFORMALLY
BY THE EMBASSY, FOREIGN MINISTRY HAS REPLIED AS FOLLOWS:

" THE IMPERIAL MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS PRESENTS ITS COMPLIMENTS
TO THE EMBASSY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AND WITH REFERENCE
TO EMBASSY NOTE NO. 707 OF SEPTEMBER 27, 1976, CONCERNING THE
UNITED STATES LAW DATED JUNE 30, 1976 ON ARMS EXPORTS AND
SECURITY ASSISTANCE TO COUNTRIES WHICH DISCRIMINATE AGAINST CERTAIN
CITIZENS OF THE UNITED STATES OR DO NOT OBSERVE HUMAN RIGHTS, HAS
THE HONOR TO STATE THE FOLLOWING:

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"SINCE TIMES IN THE DISTANT PAST IRAN HAS ITSELF BEEN THE CRADLE OF HUMAN RIGHTS AS CLEARLY TESTIFIED BY CYRUS THE GREAT'S PLAQUE PROVING THAT IN THE AGES PAST THERE HAS EXISTED NO RACIAL OR RELIGIOUS DISCRIMINATION IN IRAN, AND WOMEN TOO COULD ATTAIN THE THRONE IN IRAN AND OFTEN WENT TO WAR OR HUNTING SIDE BY SIDE WITH MEN. DURING THE ENTIRE LENGTH OF THE HISTORY OF THE IRANIAN EMPIRE, FOREIGN SUBJECTS AS WELL AS RELIGIOUS AND ETHNIC MINORITIES HAVE BEEN TREATED WITH PERFECT UNDERSTANDING AND KINDNESS, AND AT A TIME WHEN IN MANY WESTERN COUNTRIES BLACK-SKINNED SLAVES WERE BEING EXPLOITED, IN IRAN THEY WERE TREATED WITH A SPIRIT OF EQUALITY AND BROTHERHOOD IN ACCORDANCE WITH ISLAMIC LAWS. IN TODAY'S IRAN TOO, IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE CONSTITUTIONAL LAWS AND THE PRINCIPLES OF THE WHITE REVOLUTION, ANY DISCRIMINATION WHETHER BASED ON RELIGION, RACE, SEX OR ANY OTHER BASIS IS CONDEMNED, AND IDEAS AND OPINIONS OF OTHERS ARE VIEWED WITH LENIENCE AND TOLERANCE, SO THAT NO PERSON IS SUBJECTED TO PERSECUTION BECAUSE OF HAVING AN OPINION OR A RELIGION OR OF A PERSON'S SEX.

"THE IMPERIAL GOVERNMENT OF IRAN CONSIDERS A ANY INQUIRY ON THE PART OF AMERICAN AUTHORITIES IN CONNECTION WITH HUMAN RIGHTS OR RACIAL DISCRIMINATION AS A KIND OF INTERVENTION IN IRAN'S INTERNAL AFFAIRS, AND THEREFORE, IT IS UP TO YOUR MISSION TO FURNISH YOUR GOVERNMENT WITH THE ANSWERS IN THIS CONNECTION WHERE NECESSARY, CONSIDERING THE COMPREHENSIVE INFORMATION THAT YOU HAVE ON IRAN'S AFFAIRS AND YOUR PRACTICAL ACQUAINTANCE WITH DAILY OCCURRENCES IN THIS COUNTRY.

"THE IMPERIAL FOREIGN MINISTRY AVAILS ITSELF OF THIS OPPORTUNITY TO RENEW ASSURANCES OF ITS HIGHEST CONSIDERATION." (DATED OCTOBER 19, 1976)

3. COPY OF NOTE ALSO BEING POUCHED NEA/IRN.
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